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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 677

Introduced by Assembly Member Dodd

February 25, 2015

An act to amend Section 17075.50 of, to add Section 67387 to, and to add Article ~~4.5~~ 2.5 (commencing with Section ~~32247~~ 32215) to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of, the Education Code, relating to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 677, as amended, Dodd. School safety: door locks.

(1) Existing law, the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 (the act), requires the State Allocation Board to allocate to applicant school districts prescribed per-unhoused-pupil state funding for construction and modernization of school facilities, including hardship funding and supplemental funding for site development and acquisition. Existing law requires all new construction projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to the act to include locks that allow doors to classrooms and rooms with an occupancy of 5 or more persons to be locked from the inside, except as specified.

This bill would additionally require modernization projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to those provisions to include those locks, except as specified, but would apply only to modernization projects that are funded by the proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to a state bond act for school facilities that is approved by the voters at a statewide election after January 1, 2016.

This bill, no later than January 1, 2022, would require the governing board of each school district and each county superintendent of schools, for each of its schools, to equip the doors of every classroom and every room with an occupancy of 5 or more persons with locks that allow the doors to be locked from the inside, except as specified. The bill would make this provision operative upon voter-approved *approval* of a state bond act for school facilities at a statewide election after January 1, 2016. By imposing new requirements on local educational agencies, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law, the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth the missions and functions of the segments of postsecondary education in this state. The California Community Colleges, the California State University, and the University of California are the state's 3 segments of public postsecondary education. Provisions of the Donahoe Higher Education Act only apply to the University of California to the extent that the Regents of the University of California act, by appropriate resolution, to make these provisions applicable.

This bill would provide that, when construction-~~or modernization~~ projects are undertaken at a ~~campus or~~ facility *on a campus* within its jurisdiction, the governing board of each campus of the California Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State University shall, and the Regents of the University of California are requested to, equip classrooms, offices, or other rooms where students and school staff gather with locking mechanisms, commonly known as classroom function locks, that allow the doors to be locked from the inside or equip these doors with the best alternative technology that accomplishes the same result.

To the extent that this provision would impose new duties on community college districts, it would constitute a state-mandated local program.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17075.50 of the Education Code is amended to read:

17075.50. (a) (1) All new construction projects submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to this chapter shall include locks that allow doors to classrooms and any room with an occupancy of five or more persons to be locked from the inside.

(2) (A) On and after January 1, 2016, modernization projects meeting the criteria set forth in subparagraph (B) submitted to the Division of the State Architect pursuant to this chapter shall include locks that allow doors to classrooms and any room with an occupancy of five or more persons to be locked from the inside.

(B) This paragraph applies only to a modernization project that is funded by the proceeds of the sale of bonds issued pursuant to a state bond act for school facilities that is approved by the voters at a statewide election after January 1, 2016.

(b) The locks shall conform to the specifications and requirements set forth in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

(c) Doors that are locked from the outside at all times and pupil restrooms are exempt from the requirements of this section.

SEC. 2. ~~Article 4.5~~ 2.5 (commencing with Section ~~32247~~) 32215) is added to Chapter 2 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 of the Education Code, to read:

Article ~~4.5~~ 2.5. Security Locks

~~32247.~~

32215. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, no later than January 1, 2022, the governing board of each school district and each county superintendent of schools shall, for each school within its jurisdiction, equip the doors of every classroom and every room with an occupancy of five or more persons with locks that allow the doors to be locked from the inside.

(b) The locks shall conform to the specifications and requirements set forth in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations.

1 (c) This section shall only become operative upon the approval
2 by the voters of a state bond act for school facilities at a statewide
3 election after January 1, 2016.

4 SEC. 3. Section 67387 is added to the Education Code, to read:

5 67387. When construction~~—or—modernization~~ projects are
6 undertaken at a~~campus~~~~—or~~ facility *on a campus* within its
7 jurisdiction, the governing board of each campus of the California
8 Community Colleges and the Trustees of the California State
9 University shall, and the Regents of the University of California
10 are requested to, equip classrooms, offices, or other rooms where
11 students and school staff gather with locking mechanisms,
12 commonly known as classroom function locks, that allow the doors
13 to be locked from the inside or equip these doors with the best
14 alternative technology that accomplishes the same result.

15 SEC. 4. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
16 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
17 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
18 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
19 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.